

Docket No.: 38586-329

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number:  
Ting, Kang :  
Serial No.: 09/412,297 : Group Art Unit: 1645  
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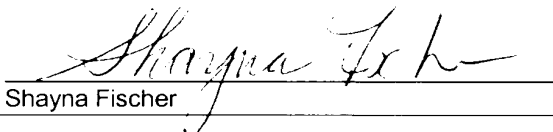
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 18, 2003**

Mail Stop Amendment Fee  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Examiner:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This paper is responsive to Examiner's Office Action dated July 15, 2003. Applicant hereby requests a one month extension of time to respond. As this Response is being filed by **November 15, 2003**, it is timely.